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ABSTRACT

This bibliography lists references to books, articles, curriculum aids, progress reports and other work related to the 11 different Head Start curriculum models now being tested experimentally in many communities. The models, developed by experienced educators, are: Academically Oriented Preschool; Behavior Analysis Model; Responsive Environment Corporation; Tucson Early Education Model; Bank Street Early Childhood Center; Parent Education Project; Responsive Model; Institute for Developmental Studies; Primary Education Project; Educational Development Center; and Cognitively Oriented Curriculum. Readings which give an overview of the curriculum models project are also listed. Information is included on ordering those documents which are available through the ERIC system. Other works are available at libraries or from authors or publishers cited. A list of addresses of the educators responsible for the models is given. (NH)

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FOREWORD

In 1971 Project Head Start goes into its seventh year. During the years since Head Start's exciting birth in 1965, millions of families have enjoyed the excitement, the caring, the guidance and the dedication of Head Start workers.

During these years of growth and development Head Start parents, teachers and planners have been exploring a variety of approaches to early childhood education. In order to encourage each local community to find its own best way, the National Head Start Office has identified eleven different curriculum models. Each of these models has been carefully developed by experienced educators of young children. Each model is being applied in a wide variety of communities across the country.

The Information Services Department at ERIC/ECE has prepared this reference list to help those who are looking for information about the various models. The list pulls together citations to many articles, curriculum aids, books, progress reports, and other writings related to Head Start Curriculum Models.

The writings cited in this list are available to you in one of several ways:

Some of the works, particularly those published by commercial publishing houses or those published in journals, are easily available in public or university libraries. Librarians will welcome your inquiry and will help you find what you need.

Others are available only from the authors or publishers cited in this list. On page 24 you will find a list of the addresses of the educators responsible for the models; other addresses are included in individual citations.

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This program emphasizes the development of behavioral skills and attitudes, categorized as: a language competence, an intellectual base, a motivational base, and societal arts and skills. While carefully structured, the curriculum is flexible and the organization of the class provides for frequent opportunities for small group and one-to-one adult-child interaction. A variety of behavioral options are made available to the child, providing opportunities to develop individual skills at individual rates. Imitation of a variety of desirable behavioral models provided is actively encouraged. Social reinforcement is used to ensure that the child experiences frequent gratification as a result of his behavior and skill acquisition. The assumptions are made that when opportunities for learning are made available (1) the child does not have to be forced, or even to be requested to learn and (2) that the optimal functioning of the instructional program is very dependent upon an effective parent involvement program.

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Nimnicht has developed a responsive environment program based on the autotelic discovery approach. The program aims to help children develop both a positive self-image and intellectual ability. Emphasis is placed on increasing the child's sensory and perceptual acuity, language development and concept formation, problem solving and abstract thinking ability. The autotelic learning activities are intended to be intrinsically motivating and self-rewarding--not dependent on external rewards or punishments. The total environment is organized to be responsive to the child's interest and his style of learning. The teacher is also responsive to the child. She guides him, helps him solve problems and find answers, but avoids providing him with solutions.

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EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER (EDC)

EDC uses a pragmatic and action-oriented approach. The objectives are: (1) to help Head Start fashion classroom environments responsive to the individual needs of children as well as to the talents and styles of the teachers (2) to develop the advisory concept as a way of facilitating continued growth and change in schools. Basic requirements are that there must be an effective program of staff development, adequately provisioned environments in which children can be challenged and stimulated, and a continuing program of parental involvement and interpretation. The class activities arise from the needs and interest of the group rather than from a prescribed curriculum. The teacher serves as a catalytic agent. She guides the children and structures the environment. A local advisor, with extensive teaching experience, is charged with responsibility for suggesting change as indicated within each classroom.

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